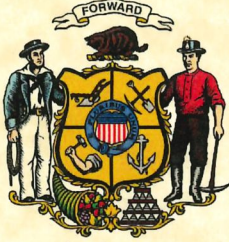


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; with 1.28 million cows and more dairy farms than any other state, at nearly 7,000, Wisconsin has a long and proud tradition as “America’s Dairyland”; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin’s dairy industry contributes \$45.6 billion to our state’s economy every year, driven by a vast network of dairy farmers, equipment manufacturers and technicians, cooperatives, veterinarians, construction companies, milk haulers, processing plants, genetics and software companies, and more, and creating a wave of economic impact that is felt in every corner of our state; and

*WHEREAS*; our state’s nearly 1,200 licensed cheesemakers produce a quarter of our nation’s cheese, ranking Wisconsin as our nation’s top cheese producing state; and

*WHEREAS*; our dedicated dairy farm families play an important role in our collective heritage, culture, and identity as Wisconsinites; and

*WHEREAS*; the state of Wisconsin recognizes the many difficulties that our dairy farmers have had to endure in recent years—including low milk prices, international trade wars, and the unique challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic—but the resilience of our dairy community has never been more evident; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin’s dairy industry is our past, present, and future, and just as it has supported our state for generations, the industry deserves to be supported for generations to come, which is why the 2021-23 Badger Bounceback budget proposal invests in our soil and water health, dairy processor innovation, farmer resilience, and market development; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in honoring our dairy farmers and all members of our state’s dairy industry for their continued hard work and resilience in the face of constantly changing circumstances, and we reaffirm our commitment to being steadfast partners to our farmers, agricultural industries, and rural communities;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim June 2021 as

## JUNE DAIRY MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be  
affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of  
Madison this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".  
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TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas La Follette".  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State